

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

This listing of all claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An eyeglass assembly comprising:
  - 2               an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and
  - 3                a rib coupled to the eyeglass frame and including a brow portion, the
  - 4                brow portion having side portions extending above the lens receptacles and the
  - 5                rib having extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly
  - 6                along both sides of a wearer's nose and the rib having a pliable coating on at
  - 7                least some of its surface.
- 1 2. (currently amended) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, wherein the  
2                rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by at least one fastener and at least one  
3                attachment means being integral to the rib and the eyeglass frame, the fastener  
4                being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an  
5                aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of  
6                the rib and the eyeglass frame.
- 1 3. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the at least one  
2                fastener comprises a screw.
- 1 4. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the fastener affixes  
2                the rib to a nose bridge portion of the frame.
- 1 5. (currently amended) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 2, wherein the  
2                rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising  
3                a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending  
4                from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib.
- 1 6. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 5, wherein the eyeglasses  
2                further comprises a plurality of air vents including at least one air vent positioned  
3                between a pair of the tabs.

1    7. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 6, wherein the at least one air  
2                vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of  
3                the eyeglass frame.

1    8. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2                the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame  
3                and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:

4                a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab  
5                extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib; and  
6                a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from  
7                the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame.

1    9. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least some of the  
2                tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the brow portion of the rib.

1    10. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of tabs  
2                extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the left  
3                and right ends of the brow portion of the rib.

1    11. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least some of the  
2                tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the extensions.

1    12. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of tabs  
2                extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the ends  
3                of the extensions.

1    13. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, the pliable coating being  
2                molded to the rib.

1    14. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 13, the pliable coating  
2                covering substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1    15. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 1, the pliable coating being  
2                disposed between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer  
3                contact to the frame.

- 1 16. (currently amended) An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2               an eyeglass frame having a left frame portion including a left lens  
3               receptacle and a right frame portion including a right lens receptacle, and a nose  
4               bridge portion connecting the left frame portion and the right frame portion; and  
5               a rib coupled to an inner side of the eyeglass frame and including a brow  
6               portion, the brow portion having a left side portion, a right side portion and a  
7               middle portion, the left side portion positioned above the left lens receptacle and  
8               the right side portion positioned above the right lens receptacle, the rib including  
9               a left nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the middle portion and  
10              along the left frame portion and a right nosepiece extension extending  
11              downwardly from the middle portion and along the right frame portion, the rib  
12              having a pliable coating on at least some of its surface.
- 1 17. (currently amended) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the  
2               rib is affixed to the eyeglass frame by at least one fastener and at least one  
3               attachment means being integral to the rib and the eyeglass frame, the fastener  
4               being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an  
5               aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of  
6               the rib and the eyeglass frame.
- 1 18. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the at least one  
2               fastener comprises a screw.
- 1 19. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the fastener affixes  
2               the middle portion of the rib to the nose bridge portion of the frame.
- 1 20. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 17, wherein the rib is affixed to  
2               the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a plurality of  
3               tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending from the  
4               eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib

- 1 21. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 20, wherein the eyeglasses
- 2 further comprises a plurality of air vents including at least one air vent positioned
- 3 between a pair of the tabs.
- 1 22. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 21, wherein the at least one air
- 2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of
- 3 the eyeglass frame.
- 1 23. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame
- 3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:
  - 4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab
  - 5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib; and
  - 6 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from
  - 7 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame.
- 1 24. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least some of
- 2 the tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the brow portion of the rib.
- 1 25. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of
- 2 tabs extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the
- 3 left and right ends of the brow portion of the rib.
- 1 26. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least some of
- 2 the tab receptacles in the rib are positioned in the left and right nosepiece
- 3 extensions.
- 1 27. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of
- 2 tabs extending from the rib includes at least one tab positioned near each of the
- 3 ends of the left and right nosepiece extensions.
- 1 28. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 23, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the frame by at least one fastener.

- 1 29. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 28, wherein the at least one
- 2 fastener comprises a screw affixed to the frame through an aperture in the rib.
- 1 30. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means being integral to the frame
- 3 and rib, the plurality of attachment means comprising:
  - 4 a plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab
  - 5 extending from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib, the
  - 6 plurality of tabs including at least one tab positioned in the left nose piece
  - 7 extension and the right nosepiece extension and a plurality of tabs positioned
  - 8 spaced apart in the brow portion; and
  - 9 a plurality of tabs extending from the rib and for each tab extending from
  - 10 the rib a corresponding tab receptacle in the eyeglass frame, the plurality of tabs
  - 11 including tabs positioned at each of the left and right ends of the brow portion of
  - 12 the rib, the end of the left nose piece extension and the end of the right nosepiece
  - 13 extension.
- 1 31. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 30, wherein the rib is affixed to
- 2 the frame by at least one fastener.
- 1 32. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 31, wherein the at least one
- 2 fastener comprises a screw affixed to the nose bridge portion of the frame
- 3 through an aperture in the rib.
- 1 33. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 30, further comprising a
- 2 plurality of air vents, each air vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.
- 1 34. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 33, wherein the at least one air
- 2 vent has a central axis that is substantially sloped with respect to a top surface of
- 3 the eyeglass frame.
- 1 35. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, the pliable coating being
- 2 molded to the rib.

- 1    36. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 35, the pliable coating  
2                 covering substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.
- 1    37. (original) The eyeglass assembly according to claim 16, the pliable coating being  
2                 disposed between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer  
3                 contact to the frame.
- 1    38. (currently amended)      A method of manufacturing eyeglasses comprising:  
2                 forming a molded rib;  
3                 molding a pliable coating on at least some of the surface of the molded  
4                 rib; and  
5                 affixing the molded rib to an eyeglass frame by at least one fastener, the  
6                 fastener being separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through  
7                 an aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of  
8                 the rib and the eyeglass frame and at least one attachment means being integral to  
9                 the rib and the eyeglass frame.
- 1    39. (original) The method according to claim 38, wherein the frame includes lens  
2                 receptacles and wherein the rib includes a brow portion, the brow portion having  
3                 side portions extending above the lens receptacles and the rib having extensions  
4                 coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along both sides of a  
5                 wearer's nose.
- 1    40. (canceled)
- 1    41. (currently amended)      The method according to claim[[ 40]]38, wherein the at  
2                 least one fastener comprises a screw.
- 1    42. (currently amended)      The method according to claim[[ 40]]38, wherein the  
2                 fastener affixes the rib to a nose bridge portion of the frame.
- 1    43. (currently amended)      The method according to claim[[ 40]]38, wherein the rib  
2                 is affixed to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of attachment means comprising a

3           plurality of tabs extending from the eyeglass frame and for each tab extending  
4           from the eyeglass frame a corresponding tab receptacle in the rib.

1   44. (currently amended)     The method according to claim 43, wherein forming the  
2       rib comprises forming a plurality of slots for air vents including at least one air  
3       vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1   45. (canceled)

1   46. (original)   The method according to claim 38, the pliable coating being molded to  
2       the rib.

1   47. (original)   The method according to claim 46, wherein the rib is formed in a first  
2       mold and then placed in a second mold for molding the pliable coating to the rib.

1   48. (original)   The method according to claim 46, the pliable coating covering  
2       substantially all of the plastic rib that would otherwise be exposed.

1   49. (original)   The method according to claim 46, the pliable coating being disposed  
2       between a wearer of the eyeglasses and the rib at all places of wearer contact to  
3       the frame.

1   50. (original)   The method according to claim 38, further comprising attaching earpieces  
2       to the eyeglass frame.

1   51. (currently amended)   An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2       an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and  
3       a pliable coating coupled to the eyeglass frame, the pliable coating  
4       including a brow portion and extensions, and including a brow portion, the brow  
5       portion having side portions extending above the lens receptacles and terminating  
6       at extremities above the lens receptacles and the pliable coating having  
7       extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along both  
8       sides of a wearer's nose, and terminating at extremities along both sides of the  
9       wearer's nose.

1       52. (currently amended)     A method of manufacturing eyeglasses comprising:  
2                                  forming a molded eyeglass frame in a first mold fixture; and  
3                                  molding a pliable coating on at least some of the surface of the frame in a  
4                                  second mold fixture, the pliable coating consisting of a brow portion and  
5                                  extensions, the brow portion having side portions extending above the lens  
6                                  receptacles and terminating at extremities above the lens receptacles, and the  
7                                  extensions coupled to the brow portion and extending downwardly along both  
8                                  sides of a wearer's nose, and terminating at extremities along both sides of the  
9                                  wearer's nose.

1       53. (Canceled)

1       54. (new)     An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2                                  an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and  
3                                  a rib including a brow portion and extensions, the brow portion having  
4                                  side portions extending above the lens receptacles, the extensions extending  
5                                  downwardly along both sides of a wearer's nose, the rib having a pliable coating  
6                                  on at least some of its surface, the rib having a plurality of tabs affixing the rib to  
7                                  the eyeglass frame, the plurality of tabs including at least one tab positioned near  
8                                  each of left and right ends of the brow portion of the rib, and the plurality of tabs  
9                                  including at least one tab positioned near each of the ends of the extensions.

1       55. (new)     The eyeglass assembly according to claim 54, wherein a least one  
2                                  fastener, separate from the rib and the eyeglass frame and passing through an  
3                                  aperture of one of the rib and the eyeglass frame and secured to another one of  
4                                  the rib and the eyeglass frame, affixes the rib to a nose bridge portion of the  
5                                  eyeglass frame.

1       56. (new)     The eyeglass assembly according to claim 55, wherein the at least one  
2                                  fastener comprises a screw.

1       57. (new)     An eyeglass assembly comprising:  
2                                  an eyeglass frame having lens receptacles; and

3                   a rib coupled to the eyeglass frame by a plurality of tabs, and at least one  
4                   air vent positioned between a pair of the tabs.

1       58. (new)     The eyeglass assembly according to claim 57, wherein the rib includes a  
2                   brow portion, the brow portion having a left side portion, and a right side portion, the  
3                   left side portion positioned above the left lens receptacle and the right side portion  
4                   positioned above the right lens receptacle, the rib also including a left nosepiece  
5                   extension extending downwardly from the middle portion and along the left frame  
6                   portion and a right nosepiece extension extending downwardly from the middle  
7                   portion and along the right frame portion, the rib having a pliable coating on at least  
8                   some of its surface.

1       59. (new)     The eyeglass assembly according to claim 5, wherein one or more of the tab  
2                   receptacles accommodates the corresponding tab causing a distortion when fitted  
3                   together.